

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of BARBARA B. SANDERS and DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY,
U.S. MINT, San Francisco, CA

*Docket No. 99-2379; Submitted on the Record;
Issued October 4, 2000*

DECISION and ORDER

Before DAVID S. GERSON, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS,
MICHAEL E. GROOM

The issue is whether appellant has carried her burden of proof in establishing that she sustained a bilateral hand or wrist condition causally related to factors of her federal employment.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved in this case, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative, dated and finalized on December 10, 1998, is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.¹

¹ Although we find that appellant has not submitted sufficient medical evidence to establish a *prima facie* case, this decision does not preclude appellant from submitting additional medical evidence, including a rationalized medical opinion, to the Office along with a request for reconsideration.

Accordingly, the decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated and finalized on December 10, 1998 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC
October 4, 2000

David S. Gerson
Member

Willie T.C. Thomas
Member

Michael E. Groom
Alternate Member